

AN ACT concerning local government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by changing Section 1-2-1 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/1-2-1) (from Ch. 24, par. 1-2-1)

Sec. 1-2-1. The corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper. No fine or penalty, however, except civil penalties provided for failure to make returns or to pay any taxes levied by the municipality shall exceed \$750 and no imprisonment authorized in Section 1-2-9 for failure to pay any fine, penalty or cost shall exceed 6 months for one offense.

A penalty imposed for violation of an ordinance may include, or consist of, a requirement that the defendant perform some reasonable public service work such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in public parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

A default in the payment of a fine or any installment of a fine may be collected by any means authorized for the collection of monetary judgments. The municipal attorney of the

municipality in which the fine was imposed may retain attorneys and private collection agents for the purpose of collecting any default in payment of any fine or installment of that fine. Any fees or costs incurred by the municipality with respect to attorneys or private collection agents retained by the municipal attorney under this Section shall be charged to the offender.

(Source: P.A. 89-63, eff. 6-30-95.)